

REMARKS

Claims 10-15 are pending.

Claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Horan (U.S. Patent No. 6,220,596).

A. Horan Reference Does Not Show Features of the Claims Sufficient to Support Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

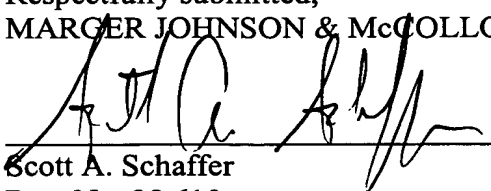
The elements of the claims are not properly disclosed to support a proper §102(b) rejection. According to applicants' reading, Horan fails to show the following features of claim 10 and its dependants:

- A five column bingo card (Horan shows a game played with a three-column card);
- Detecting a max wager bet (Horan only describes a single \$0.25 bet per card)
- Lighting the columns (Horan only describes lighting a single numbered space)
- Columns lighted in sequential order e.g. via query block 120 in FIG. 4 (Horan makes no reference to order and posts the numbers [see col. 4, lines 29-32] no matter what the order)
- Mystery space (no reference to a multi-card mystery space can be found) – claim 12.

The Examiner is invited to specify exactly where within the Horan patent the particular features are found. In the absence of these features, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the claims to allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 10-15 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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